

Separate orders will issue regarding the posting of the present Assistant Registrar of the Kolar Division. The abolition of the Division will have effect from the date of relief of that Officer.

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GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Working of the Bangalore City Municipal Council for the year 1930-31.

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The Report on the working of the Bangalore City Municipal Council for the year 1930-31, received with the Municipal Commissioner's letter No. G. T. 132, dated 15th December 1931.

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2. The report which was due in the Secretariat on the 15th October was received two months late, *i.e.*, on 16th December 1931. The Municipal Commissioner is requested to arrange for the prompt submission of the report in future.

3. *Constitution.*—The term of the old Municipal Council expired on 4th November 1930 and the reconstituted Council came into existence with effect from 5th November 1930 comprising 30 Councillors of whom 19 were elected by the rate-payers, one elected by the Chamber of Commerce and the remaining ten (one of whom was a lady), nominated by the Government. Mr. P. Subbarama Chetty was re-elected as President of the Council and Mr. C. Machia continued to be the Municipal Commissioner.

The Council held as many as 70 meetings during the year as against 40 in the previous year.

4. *Finance.*—The year opened with a current balance of Rs. 1,69,395. The total receipts and expenditure during the year amounted to Rs. 9,95,891 and Rs. 10,17,464 against Rs. 13,03,200 and Rs. 13,19,902 respectively in the previous year. The closing balance in current account at the end of the year was Rs. 1,47,822.

5. The income and expenditure under service heads exclusive of public debt transactions amounted to Rs. 9,14,682 and Rs. 9,32,280 against Rs. 9,60,043 and 10,92,708 respectively in the previous year.

6. *Income from taxes.*—The income from taxation was Rs. 5,34,884 against Rs. 6,13,259 in the previous year. There was a fall of nearly Rs. 50,000 under Octroi which is attributed to the depression in trade. Under "taxes on buildings and lands" also there was a fall of about Rs. 21,000. The collection of current demand under assessed taxes was not satisfactory, being only 62 per cent of the demand against 80 in the previous year. There is scope for considerable improvement in the collection work and Government hope that better results will be achieved during the current year.

7. *Incidence of Taxation.*—The incidence of taxation per head of population was Rs. 3-7-4 during the year against Rs. 5-3-0 in the previous year, the decrease being mainly due to the population of the City being taken as 1,72,857 as per latest census figures against 1,19,427 the previous census figure adopted in the previous years.

8. *Public Works.*—The important public works carried out during the year were the completion of the new market frontage extension, laying out sewage pipe line near the Maharaja Mills, the re-coating of a hundred furlongs of road, the construction of 10,158 feet of new drains and the tarring of six important roads.

9. *Water Supply*.—The cost of the annual maintenance of water-supply amounted to Rs. 2,00,411. Excluding the excess water and meter hire charges amounting to Rs. 51,280, the net expenditure borne by the Municipal Council on this account amounted to Rs. 1,49,131. Of this, a sum of Rs. 96,715 was met out of the realisations from the levy of general water rate and the "flat rate," and the remaining amount from the general revenues of the Municipality. The collection of the "flat rate" was not satisfactory.

10. *Public Health*.—The Public Health of the City was good during the year except for stray cases of plague, cholera, small-pox and enteric fever in some localities.

11. The anti-malaria work started in the City during the previous year was continued under the guidance of Dr. W. C. Sweet of the Rockefeller Foundation. Stagnant pools and wells were treated with paris-green and larvacidal fish to destroy mosquitoes and to prevent their breeding. A special splenic survey of the school-going children was also continued during the year.

12. *Maternity and Child Welfare*.—There were 11 midwives under the employ of the Municipal Council. The number of labour cases conducted by them during the year was 1,594, being 270 more than during the previous year. The Municipal Council continued the services of the Lady Health Visitor who visited expectant mothers and gave them advice and held ante-natal and baby clinics in each of the Local Fund Dispensaries of the City once a week. A Health Exhibition was arranged at the Vani Vilas Institute in connection with the Ladies' Conference as also another arranged by the Health Department as an adjunct to the Health Week and Baby Show organised by the Welfare Institute of the Bangalore Woollen, Cotton and Silk Mills Company in the Mill premises.

The number of deaths among children under one year was 808 against 1,025 in the previous year, giving a ratio of 139.1 against 185.3 per 1000 births registered.

13. *Vaccination*.—The number of vaccinations performed during the year was 8,534 against 7,354 in the previous year. Of the vaccinations performed, 5,495 were successful.

14. *Public Instruction*.—The management of all Primary Schools, Reading Rooms and Libraries continued to vest in the Education Committee of the Municipal Council. There were 53 institutions under the management of the Committee. The total number of students that attended these schools was 7,373, the average daily attendance being 5,719 against 5,547 during the previous year. The amount of expenditure incurred on Municipal Schools during the year was Rs. 92,499. The management and control of aided schools were transferred to the Education Department.

15. It is reported that the Bye-law Committee met 13 times during the year, but no new rules or bye-laws were made and no amendment of existing rules and bye-laws was undertaken. It is understood that the provisions of Section 46 of the Municipal Regulation which requires the Municipal Council to make rules in respect of various matters have not been fully complied with. Government trust that this defect will be remedied during the current year.

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